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S. 2495

To authorize the National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor slaves and other persons that fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2006

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ALLEN, and Mrs. DOLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Liberty Me-
5 morial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The National Mall Liberty
3 Fund D.C. may establish the National Liberty Memorial
4 (referred to in this Act as the “Memorial”) on the Federal
5 land described in subsection (b) to honor—

6 (1) the thousands of persons of African descent
7 that volunteered as free persons or were compelled
8 as slaves during the American Revolution to—

9 (A) serve as soldiers and sailors; or

10 (B) provide civilian assistance;

11 (2) the men, women, and children that fled
12 bondage or filed petitions with courts and legisla-
13 tures seeking liberty; and

14 (3) other people of the United States, including
15 whites and members of Indian tribes, that advocated
16 for liberty, justice, and citizenship for persons of Af-
17 rican descent.

18 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal land re-
19 ferred to in subsection (a) is the portion of Constitution
20 Gardens, located on the south side of Constitution Lake
21 and west of the island, that was selected as the site for
22 the memorial authorized under section 1 of Public Law
23 99–558 (40 U.S.C. 1003 note; 100 Stat. 3144).

1 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Memorial shall be estab-
2 lished in accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United
3 States Code.

